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**REPLY/AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir,

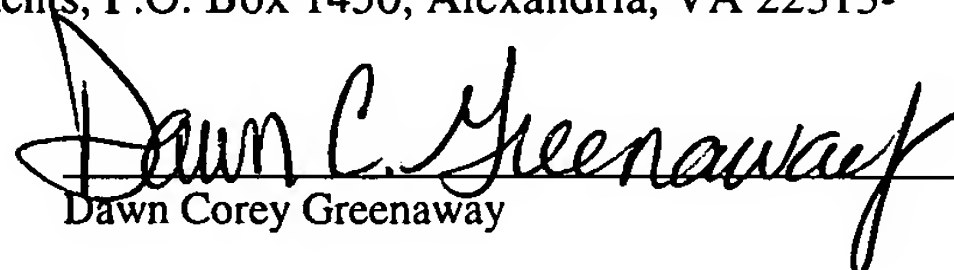
This reply is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed May 17, 2005 in connection with the above-identified patent application. A Response to the May 17, 2005 Office Action was due August 17, 2005 according to the shortened statutory period of three months established by the Examiner in compliance with 35 USC § 133. This filing is before that August date, and therefore a Petition for Extension of Time is not necessary. This Amendment is being timely filed on August 9, 2005. Please also note the Terminal Disclaimer relative to patent application 10/768,873 that is filed herewith. Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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